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Palestine - Egyptian Frontier

Reports 11/0 Palestine, during recent visit  
around question which appears to be  
outstanding between Palestine Govt and  
1st Lt Ambassador Cairo concerning the  
initiation of discussions between the Palestine  
Govt & Egyptian Govt, re the establishment  
of a joint railway route at Rafah.  
Further note on subject by Palestine Govt.

Last Paper.

NOPP

(Minutes.)

References.

This is not the first time that the  
Colonial Office have asked us about a  
an alleged proposal for modifying the Egypt-  
Palestinian frontier. I have never heard of any  
such proposal, but Egyptian Part. can perhaps  
throw light on the matter.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

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Egyptian Part.

J. Bealey

This proposal seems to refer to only a very slight  
modification of the frontier at  
Rafa of which we have heard  
nothing. But it is probably  
connected with the Egyptian intention  
to buy the railway line between  
Kantara & Rafa (at present owned  
by the Palestine Govt & H.A.C. & run  
by Palestine Rlyws). I can only  
suggest we obtain Cairo's obs  
on this.

D.H. Rice

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Now

(Action completed.)

J.M. 1/3

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Colonial Office,  
Downing Street,  
S.W.1.

10<sup>th</sup> February, 1947.

*Enter 4*

*Dear Baxter*

The High Commissioner for Palestine raised with us during his recent visit a question which appears to be outstanding between the Palestine Government and His Majesty's Ambassador, Cairo. It concerns the initiation of discussions between the Palestine and Egyptian Governments regarding the establishment of a joint frontier railway station and control post. From a note on this subject by the Palestine Government, a copy of which I enclose, you will see that the usefulness of beginning such conversations depends, in some degree, on the question whether under the new Egyptian Treaty any adjustment of the Palestine-Egyptian Frontier will be made.\*

We should be grateful if you could let us know how matters stand.

In view of possible military interest in this project I am sending a copy of this letter to Atkinson M.O.4.

*Yours sincerely  
Haffner Smith*

C. W. BAXTER, ESQ., C.M.G.

*v ps. Drafted before the collapse of negotiations.*

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